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First significant snowfall of season set to blanket Sussex County

Emergency officials continue to monitor storm, urge caution

**FOR IMMEDIATE
RELEASE**

**14:00 Hours, Monday
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The Sussex County Emergency Operations Center continues to monitor the winter weather predicted for our area for tonight and tomorrow. The snow already has begun in some parts of the area, and is expected to continue through Tuesday morning. At this time, we are expecting some snow accumulation. We would encourage all residents to prepare for this winter storm and to monitor the local television and radio stations for updates and the latest forecast.

Once the snow has started, use extreme caution on the roadways. Be aware that there are emergency vehicles and highway equipment on the roads. Leave early for your destination and call ahead to check business closings.

Sussex County reminds drivers that with temperatures in the mid-30s during the day tomorrow, there will be some melting of whatever snow does fall. However, as temperatures lower during the evening hours, what has melted will re-freeze, causing roads and walkways to become icy.

Residents should have an ample supply of storm supplies, such as:

- Flashlights with fresh batteries;
- A portable radio with fresh batteries;
- Medications to last several days.

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Also, be sure to have special needs items such as baby formula, diapers, special diet needs and special medical supplies on hand. Have a supply of non-perishable foods and enough water for several days. Fill vehicles with gasoline. Should there be a power outage, gas pumps will not work.

Have utility bills handy so that in the event of an outage or problem, you will have your utility company's phone number and your account number ready. Call your utility provider to report an outage or to request service. DO NOT CALL 911 to report power outages or request utility services.

We would like to remind residents not to forget about their pets and animals. Be sure to have shelter for them during the storm and in the colder winter weather.

The Sussex County Emergency Operations Center will continue to monitor the storm and will update residents through the local media.

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD CONTACT EOC SPOKESWOMAN DEBBIE JONES AT (302) 855-7801.